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VII Certain defects in the	e international application			
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v.	Resoned statement under A	Article 35(2) with reg supporting such stat	ard to novelty, inventive step or industrial a ment	pplicability;
1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	

Claims YES Claims Inventive step (IS) Claims

YES 1-10\_\_\_\_\_ Industrial applicability (IA) Claims Claims

#### 2. Citations and explanations

Novelty (N)

The claimed invention relates to a method and equipment for combining services in a network such as Internet. The problem to be solved is to combine services from two different providers and to customise those services according to the needs and interests of the clients.

Briefly, this is achieved in the claimed invention by sending a client profile from a first server (referred to as "service provider"), which the client is connected to, to a second server (referred to as "content provider"), which a source of information is connected to. The second server customises the information according to the client profile sent from the first server. An advantage of this arrangement is that the service provider does not have to use time and resources to provide content.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

- EP 0733983 A2 D1
- D2 US 5717923 A
- D3 WO 9642041 A2

D1 relates to the provision and display of information and, in particular, to a system and method for personalising a screen saver display on a personal computer, so that the screen saver display is periodically changed to include current up-to-date information related to items that interest the user.

dynamically for apparatus method and discloses a D2 customising electronic information to individual end users including a client system containing a personal profile database which stores consumer information corresponding to

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individual end users of the client system. The client system also includes a content adapter, which compares electronic information received by the client system to the consumer information in the personal profile database and customises the electronic information to an individual end user based on this comparison.

D3 relates to methods for controlling and monitoring access to network servers. In particular, the process described in the invention includes client-server sessions over the Internet involving hypertext files. In the hypertext environment, a client views a document transmitted by a content server with a standard browser. Each hypertext document or page contains links to other hypertext pages, which subject the request to a secondary server, which determines whether the client has an authorisation or valid account. Upon such verification, the user is provided with a session identification, which allows the user to access the requested file as well as any other files within the present protection domain.

In independent claims 1, 7, and 10, it is specified that a first server transmits client profile data to a second server and that the second server customises the services provided for a client on the basis of the profile data. This differs from the system disclosed in D1, in which system data is sent from a second server to a first server. The data is customised in the first server according to profile data. The teachings of D1, and the further contributions of D2-D3, do not give a person skilled in the art any reason to contemplate the possibility of letting a second server (content provider) customise data according to a profile transmitted from a first server (service provider). Thus, the invention according to independent claims 1, 7 and 10 is considered to involve an inventive step.

The invention according to claims 1-10, is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and has industrial applicability.



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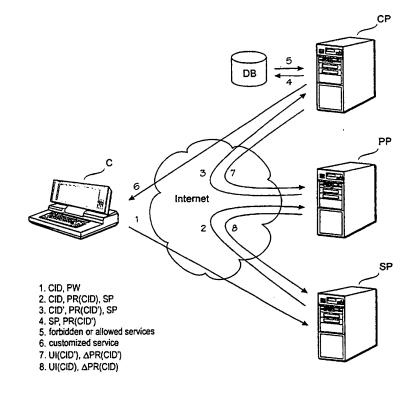
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(54) Title: COMBINING SERVICES IN AN INTERNET-TYPE NETWORK

#### (57) Abstract

A method of combining two different Internet services. A client (C) contacts (1) a first server (SP) and gives the server its identification data (CID, PW). The client (C) is forwarded (2) to a second server (CP), which provides services (6) to the client (C). The first server (SP) transmits to the second server (CP) the client's profile data (PR(CID)), and the second server (CP) customizes (4, 5) the services produced for the client (C) according to the client's profile data (PR(CID)) and/or the identity of the first server (SP). The client's identification data (CID) is preferably concealed (3) from the second server. In the step of service customization, the client (C) can be prevented (4, 5) from accessing some of the available services of the second server (CP), for example on the basis of the identification data of the first server (SP). From the available services of the second server (CP). the services to be offered primarily to the client can be selected on the basis of said profile data PR(CID).

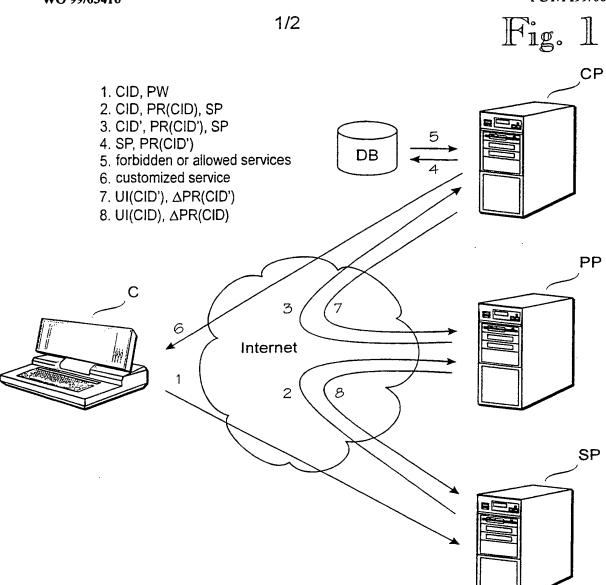


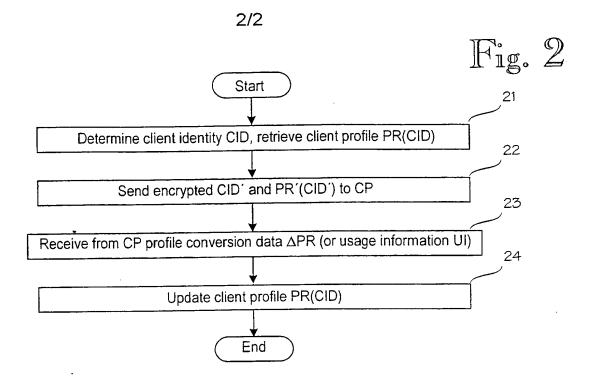


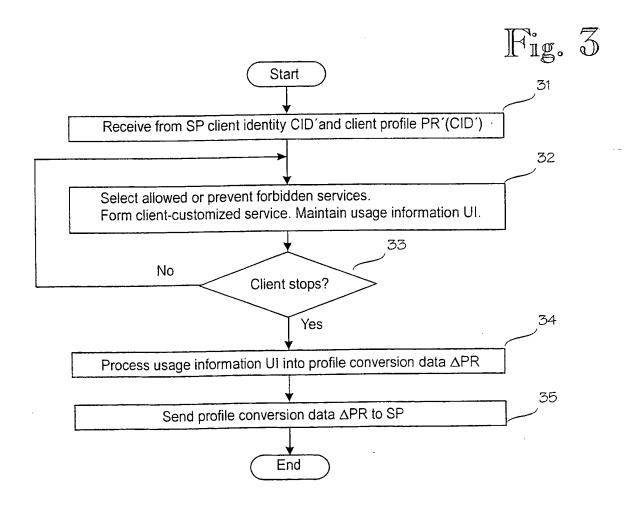
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